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**Ninilchik Traditional  
Council**  
**offices will be CLOSED**  
**January 2nd**  
**for**  
**New Years Day**  
**And**  
**January 16th for**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
**Day**  
**Thank You.**



## Ninilchik Traditional Council

The Ninilchik Traditional Council traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area. Tribal boundaries extend from South of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mt. Redoubt.

## Elders Information Meeting/Luncheon

### Attention Tribal Elders!

Come join Anna Grant every 3rd Wednesday of the month (next one is January 18th) for a fabulous luncheon at the Subsistence Building!

Every other month the Elders discuss Tribal issues at the luncheon. Join us for door prizes, fun and food! For more information. Please call Anna Grant at 567-3370.



### Preschool Art Class!

Tuesdays

11:00 to 11:30

2 - 5 Year Olds

Ninilchik School

Preschool Room

Pictured left is  
Artist/Teacher, Susan  
Welch-Smith

Students:

Mikylah Pinnow and  
Gabriel Miller

Come join us!

## Regular Council Meeting

### Open to all Tribal Members.

The next regular Council meeting has been scheduled for January 19, 2006 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the NTC main office. Come join us for lots of food, information and a door prize of \$100.00!

Call 567-3313 for more information.

## PARTY TIME

The party had ended. The bottle dry.  
Someone was weeping and threatening to die.  
The evening's laughter had turned to tears.  
It ended with fighting brought forth by the beers.  
Somewhere a child cries, perhaps she is cold,  
or maybe she's hungry, or just feels too old.  
She hides in the darkness and shivers with fright,  
it hurts to recall the events of the night.  
Where is her dolly? Is her sister okay?  
Who are these people? Are they leaving today?  
Why were they fighting? Did anyone know?  
Must she leave with these Troopers? Where would she go?  
Soon she will be airborne, swept away,  
to some strange village a whole world away.  
To some strange family with their own strange kids.  
One who would bother and ask what she did.  
They may not want her, but the money is good.  
Will they be nice the way that they should?  
What had she done? Was she to blame?  
What had happened to bring her to shame?  
She wasn't wanted. That's what she was told.  
Parties aren't fun when you're five years old.

Bob R. McHenry



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADDRESS

Ivan Encelewski

Ninilchik Traditional Council  
Governing Body of the Ninilchik Village Tribe

Executive Director

### **Congratulations!**

I want to express my congratulations to the recently elected board members, Anna Grant and Kenneth Odman. I am confident they will build upon the strong leadership of the Tribe and be a valuable asset to NTC in their official capacity as board members. I also want to congratulate our Resource/Enforcement Officer and Environmental Scientist, Dr. Darrel Williams for recently finishing his doctorate degree.

### **Admin Building Update!**

During the recent election the membership authorized the Council to pursue loan funding to build our own tribal office building. NTC is proceeding cautiously in order to try to secure additional grant funds and donations to help offset the cost of the building. We are hopeful that this project will be complete within the next two years.

### **Recent Council Meeting Actions!**

- ♦ The Council discussed the Alaska Inter Tribal Council annual convention and the resolutions adopted at the convention.
- ♦ 14(c)3 Land selection issues were discussed and a workgroup meeting was set for January 20th, 2006.
- ♦ The Board discussed all the agenda items that were decided at the November Board retreat which included developing a policy committee, acquisition of Village lands, NTC public relations, a resource management agreement with CIRI, agricultural ideas, 14(c)3 lands, the 640 acre proposal, the educational fishery, the federal subsistence fight and much more.
- ♦ The Council appointed Doris Kelly to the enrollment committee, received a detailed financial report, adopted a resolution updating signature cards, and discussed a strategy for the federal subsistence board meetings coming up.

Sincerely,



Ivan Encelewski  
NTC Executive Director

**I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## **Tribal Services**

### **Higher Education**

NTC's Higher Education program currently has eight students who applied and received funding for their Fall 2005 semester at their universities. College is expensive and any money that students receive, especially grants, helps students to continue to pursue higher education. There are three deadlines for the Higher Education Grant application to be turned in.

**These deadlines are:**

**August 15 (fall semester), December 15 (spring semester) and May 15 (summer semester).**

In order to be considered for funding a student must be full time (12 semester credits) and maintain a 2.0 GPA. They must also show unmet financial need. A **reminder** to those students who are currently receiving funding, you must have an "official transcript" sent to our office before we can process your second semester grant.

## **Peninsula Winter Games Sr. Native Youth Olympics Competition January 21 & 22, 2006 Schedule of Events:**

### **January 21st, 2006**

9:30 Opening Ceremony  
10:00 Scissor Broad Jump  
11:00 Indian Stick Pull  
12:00 Lunch/entertainment  
1:00 Wrist Carry  
3:00 1-Hand Reach  
4:00 Two Foot High Kick

### **January 22nd, 2006**

9:00 Toe Kick  
10:30 Eskimo Stick Pull  
12:00 Lunch/entertainment  
1:00 Alaska High Kick  
2:30 1-Foot High Kick  
4:00 Seal Hop  
5:00 Closing

### **Jr. Native Youth Olympics Competition**

**January 28 - 29, 2006**

**UAA Sports Complex in Anchorage**

**Go Team Go!!**

**For more information, please call**

**Christina Demidoff, Tribal Services Director at NTC 567-3313**

## RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

I hope that everyone read the front page of the Clarion and Section B of the Anchorage Daily News on December 29, 2005, the headline that reads: "Hunting for Harvest Rules" by Patrice Kohl. This is the fore-front of the subsistence battle that we have been working on. Needless to say, there is opposition and animosity from the agencies that should be protecting the subsistence rights of the rural community before submitting to other user groups such as sports fisherman. As you read the article, it becomes clear that there was no input from NTC and that the information was obtained from the internal agencies like U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service represented by Tom Boyd. It is interesting that these agencies would attempt to provide direction to the Subsistence Board by rallying public pressure. However, in fact, these are the people whose responsibility is to place subsistence users before other consumers of stock (renewable) resources. Every subsistence user needs to ask themselves, why don't they support subsistence use? Are these agencies properly managing stock (renewable, like fish and wildlife) resources? Can I name one project the State and federal agencies have performed that benefits stock resources? Can I look at one of these beneficial projects? Furthermore, if I can't answer these questions, how are these agencies doing their job or managing any resource?

I don't have these answers either. Ninilchik Traditional Council has effective projects you can go look at that provide direct benefits for fish and wildlife. Fish counters are nice, but everywhere else in the world there are real beneficial projects that provide direct benefit to fish and wildlife. If NTC can perform these projects, why isn't the State?

Well in a sense they are. If they take away your rights, they don't need to do the work. It's a great job if they can get away with it.

This is where support is needed for the upcoming Federal Subsistence Board meeting from January 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, in Anchorage at the Sheridan Hotel, 401 East 6th Street. If you can attend, you will provide a great benefit for securing Customary and Traditional use Determinations for Ninilchik. If you cannot attend, write a letter and drop it off to the Tribe or send it to us. We will submit these at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting for you.

I hope that everyone will participate in this event. The larger picture shows that when you lose a right, you will not get it back. I believe that everyone has lost enough of their rights.

Sheridan Hotel, 401 East 6<sup>th</sup> — January 10th through the 12th — 8:30 am to 5:00 pm daily. It may, and often does run longer.

## HOUSING



If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold,  
it would be a merrier world." - J. R. R. Tolkien

Hello Folks,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and by the time you get this newsletter, a happy and safe New Year's Eve. I would like to especially thank the Traditional Council for allowing us the extra days off to really enjoy quality holiday time with our families and friends, thank you!

Recently, we have been seeing an influx of cases and therefore I am extremely grateful to have my assistant Danielle Self back at work to help me out. At this time I have been trying to get the environmental reviews out of the way for the Senior Home project, as well as on some of the Rehab cases we have on file. This will allow us to get a jump on work as soon as breakup allows. I also have received word that we should be hearing how we did on the Senior Grant that we applied for through AHFC around the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. So everyone please keep your fingers crossed and hopefully this will be the start of affordable Senior Housing for the Ninilchik area.

Something I would like to briefly touch on, as many of you have heard our local volcano Mount Augustine has been rumbling and at yellow alert for most the month of December. While it has slowed down on seismic activity recently, it still remains at yellow alert and has at least one or two good burps a day. If it were to erupt, you would have to be concerned about driving or breathing in the ash from the fallout. Volcanic ash when looked at under a microscope resembles glass and can cause respiratory problems from scratching your lungs. With cars it can actually bore out your rings and cylinders, making you have to rebuild the engine. More than anything you should be more concerned about a possible tsunami. This means that if you are around the beaches or in the Homer area and either hear the warning system horn or the emergency warning on your radio, you should immediately go to higher ground. In Homer, go up by the hospital or out East End Rd to at least the Fritz Creek area. In Ninilchik I would suggest that you at least get off the beach and get away from all the local rivers. The deal with tsunamis is you never know how big they are until they come ashore and I have no doubt that both Deep Creek and the Ninilchik River would both rise as a result. Most importantly... this doesn't mean you have to trample down your neighbor. For a tsunami to reach the Homer area alone it's going to take at least an hour. Therefore take your time, pack some emergency supplies, and don't forget your cameras and then head for the hills. If you would like to learn more, or keep up with Augustine, here is a link to a web page allowing you to do so: <http://www.avo.alaska.edu/activity/Augustine.php>

Well it's time to go. We are on the downside of winter and I hope all are well and enjoying this weird winter weather we are having. At this rate, it might just end up being tropical someday. ☺

I wish you and all your families continued good health and a wonderful and prosperous 2006.

Until next month,

Bob



**Want your GED?**

(General Education Diploma)

How about improving your basic skills?

**We can help!**

One day each month, an instructor from Kenai Peninsula College will be in Ninilchik to help.

Come to the Ninilchik Traditional Council or Library, or call Kenai Peninsula College at 262-0327 for more information.

Thursdays in Ninilchik     January 12th, 2006

February 9th, 2006     March 16th, 2006

April 13th, 2006

We can help you: Earn your GED / Improve your English and Math

**LOCATIONS:**

Ninilchik Traditional Council     11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ninilchik Community Library     1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

No appointment needed

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

In our efforts at the Tribe to promote beneficial use of our global resources and seek strong environmental conservation practices by us all, we have included more helpful recommendations aimed at achieving large scale global reductions to emissions and contaminants and the conservation of natural resources. Most people today are aware that there are problems threatening the health of our environment -- the public is inundated with messages about disappearing rainforests and the depleted ozone layer, endangered species and contaminated bodies of water. We know that if we don't do something about it our planet and our health are at risk, but many of us are unsure how we can make a difference.

Luckily, there are many ways to affect change! With just a little effort and by making simple changes in our everyday lives, we can make significant strides to improve the planet we all share. Most of us know about conserving energy and recycling; here are some more simple tips that will help you to have a positive impact:

- ✦ Remove yourself from [junk mail lists](#). Did you know that [100 million trees](#) are felled each year to produce junk mail?
- ✦ If every household replaced one light bulb with a [compact fluorescent bulb](#), it would be the equivalent of [eliminating the pollution](#) from one million cars!
- ✦ Use e-mail instead of paper correspondence.
- ✦ Work from home if you can -- this reduces gas consumption and pollution.
- ✦ Buy organic: this produce has been farmed and processed using no synthetic chemicals and using methods that conserve soil and water supplies. Use the [Local Harvest](#) map of [organic food producers](#) to pinpoint farmers markets and producers of environmentally friendly, [locally grown food](#).
- ✦ Turn off the water faucet while you brush your teeth and save four gallons a minute - that's 10,000 gallons a year for a family of four.

### More Inexpensive Tips to Protect Our Planet

There are many other ways for you to help protect the environment. For instance, you can learn how to choose seafood that is caught in an environmentally responsible way to help reduce over-harvesting of the world's commercially fished species. You can also learn about conserving energy and using fuel more efficiently -- a cost-effective way to promote cleaner air. Here are some other steps you can take that make sense for the environment AND your wallet:

- ✦ Eat fish that remain plentiful in the oceans as this can be an affordable way to help preserve the oceans and sea creatures which rely on a healthy marine environment.
- ✦ Keep heating and cooling costs down by keeping your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees in the winter and no lower than 78 degrees in the summer.
- ✦ Recycle everything you can. You can benefit either directly or indirectly when local taxes are kept lower by reduced disposal costs.
- ✦ Choose the most fuel-efficient car that meets your needs and fits your budget. The U.S. imports more than half of its oil. Since vehicular traffic accounts for two thirds of U.S. oil consumption, improving fuel economy is one the most beneficial actions that consumers can take to help the environment, or...
- ✦ Consider [carpooling](#) or take [public transportation](#) to work once a week, and walk or ride a bike for short trips (trims the waistline, too!).



Ninilchik Traditional Council  
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DECEMBER 2005

### Change of Address form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Sponsor for the following tribal members: \_\_\_\_\_

Has there been a name change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, by ☐ Marriage ☐ Divorce ☐ Adoption

Old name: \_\_\_\_\_ New name: \_\_\_\_\_

If there has been a name change, please send in the legal document which authorizes your name change (i.e., marriage certificate or divorce decree).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (of Tribal member or Parent/Spouse)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Is your address current? Tribal member address changes must be submitted in writing to the NTC Enrollment Office in order to assure that the distribution of pertinent information can be sent to the correct address. The Enrollment Officer or other staff may not modify an enrollment file in any fashion even if it is known that the file may not be up to date.